

CLAIMS

WHAT IS CLAIMED:

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1. A method for entering data into a computer, comprising:  
anchoring an electrical cord connecting a peripheral input device to the computer;  
positioning the peripheral input device; and  
retracting slack in the electrical cord as the peripheral input device is positioned.
  2. The method of claim 1, wherein anchoring the electrical cord includes anchoring the electrical cord to a desktop.
  3. The method of claim 2, wherein anchoring the electrical cord includes at  
10 least one of adhering and fastening an anchor to the desktop.
  4. The method of claim 1, wherein anchoring the electrical cord includes anchoring the electrical cord to a computer chassis.
  5. The method of claim 4, wherein anchoring the electrical cord includes at  
least one of adhering and fastening an anchor to the computer chassis.
  - 15 6. The method of claim 1, wherein anchoring the electrical cord includes anchoring the electrical cord to a mouse pad.
  7. The method of claim 6, wherein anchoring the electrical cord includes at  
least one of adhering and fastening an anchor to the mouse pad.

8. The method of claim 1, wherein positioning the peripheral input device includes positioning a mouse.

9. The method of claim 1, wherein positioning the peripheral input device includes positioning a pointer displayed by the computer.

5 10. The method of claim 1, wherein retracting slack in the electrical cord includes retracting the slack into the peripheral input device.

11. The method of claim 1, wherein retracting slack in the electrical cord includes retracting the slack into an anchor.

12. A method for entering data into a computer, comprising:  
10 affixing an electrical cord to a work surface, the electrical cord connecting a peripheral input device to the computer;  
moving the peripheral input device; and  
retracting slack in the electrical cord as the peripheral input device is moved.

13. The method of claim 12, wherein anchoring the electrical cord to the work  
15 surface includes anchoring the electrical cord to a desktop or a mouse pad.

14. The method of claim 12, wherein anchoring the electrical cord to the work surface includes at least one of adhering and fastening an anchor to the work surface.

15. The method of claim 12, wherein moving the peripheral input device includes moving a mouse and a pointer displayed by the computer.

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16. The method of claim 12, wherein retracting slack in the electrical cord includes retracting the slack into at least one of the peripheral input device and an anchor.

17. A method for entering data into a computer, comprising:  
anchoring an electrical cord to a work surface, the electrical cord connecting a  
mouse to the computer;  
positioning the mouse; and  
retracting slack in the electrical cord as the mouse is positioned.

18. The method of claim 17, wherein anchoring the electrical cord to the work surface includes anchoring the electrical cord to at least one of a desktop and a mouse pad.

19. The method of claim 17, wherein anchoring the electrical cord includes at least one of adhering and fastening an anchor to the work surface.

20. The method of claim 17, wherein positioning the mouse includes positioning a pointer displayed by the computer.

21. The method of claim 17, wherein retracting slack in the electrical cord includes retracting the slack into at least one of the mouse and an anchor.

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